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SUBJECT: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER INVITED TO MOSCOW

1. THE GREEK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 16 THAT DURING A CALL THAT DAY ON GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HIM ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOSCOW. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED THAT THE DATE OF THE VISIT TO MOSCOW "WILL BE DETERMINED IN DUE COURSE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS."

2. COMMENT: THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO MOSCOW BY THE GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER HAS BEEN RUMORED HERE FOR MANY MONTHS AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ATHENS AND MOSCOW SINCE THE VISIT TO MOSCOW LAST FALL BY THE MFA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JOHN TZOUNIS. APPARENTLY THE GOG HAS LINKED SUCH A HIGH LEVEL VISIT TO MOSCOW WITH CONCLUSION OF THE GREEK-SOVIET CONSULAR AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR SOME TIME AND IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION. THE PRESS IS ALREADY
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SPECULATING THAT PAPALIGOURAS IS LIKELY TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW LATE THIS SPRING OR IN EARLY SUMMER.
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